

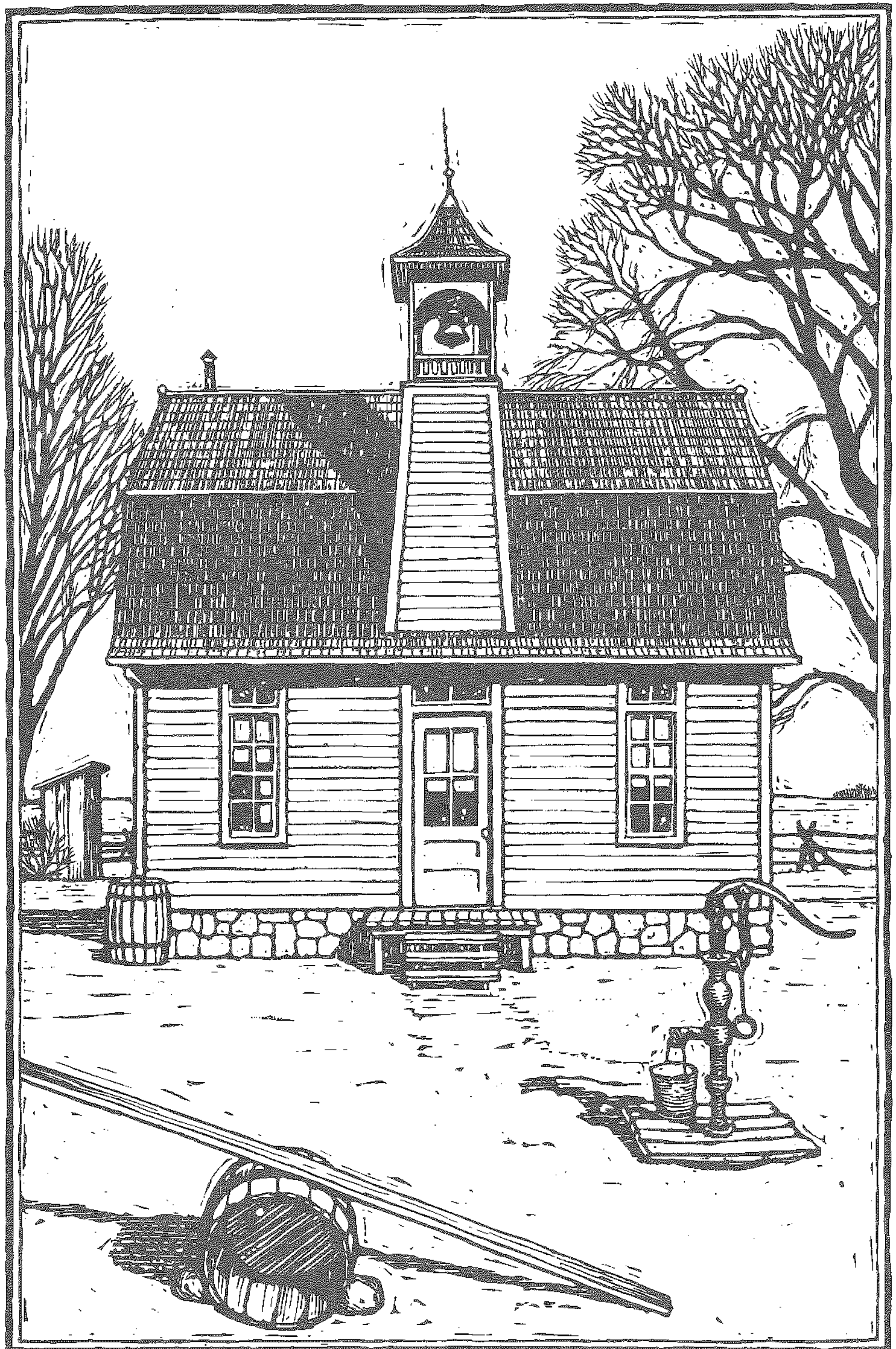
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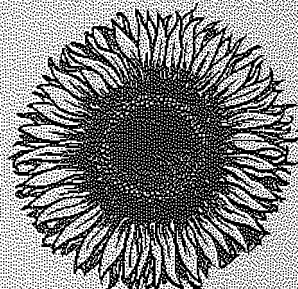
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# Are You The Teacher Or The Student?

BY SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

September being the first full month back to school our thoughts turn to learning and growth, an intrinsic part of all life. In all situations there is a teacher and a student — in fact life is a schoolroom.

We hear it said that life, on the earth plane, is for learning and growing. It is also told us by Spirit Loved Ones that life on the Spirit plane is a continued process of expanding the understanding. With this premise in mind, let us look to life for how we can use daily experiences to expand our awareness and spirituality.

We are all a spark of Divinity here to accomplish God's will and this means that we learn one moment and teach the next. When we recognize there are times we show the way to another and also the reverse, it aids us to control the self image or ego involved in most situations.

The student grows with the desire to learn and the teacher grows with the desire to share, also learning from

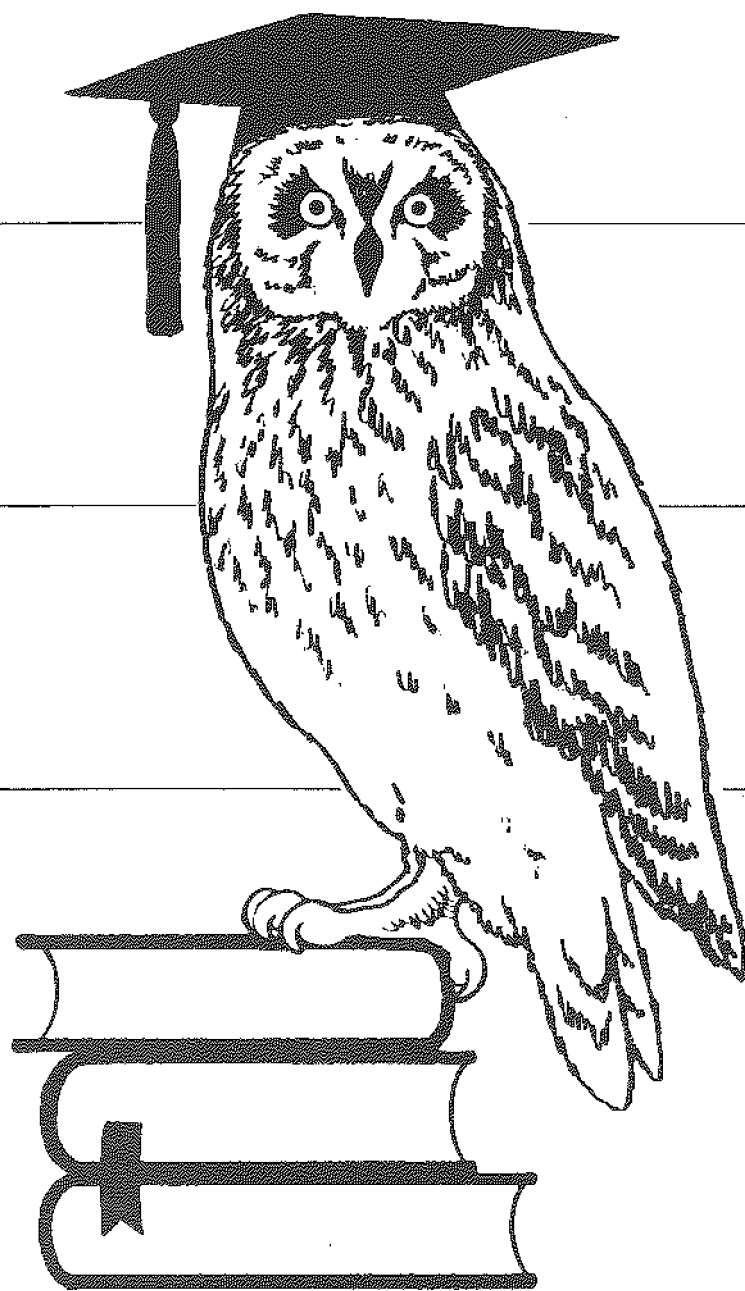
the student. Think of the old adage, *"When the student is ready the teacher will appear."* When a lesson is learned, the student has the opportunity to share, thus becoming the teacher. In all of our conversations, and actions, we share that which we know. Remember, the best way to teach is by example. We are not known by what we say, rather by what we do. We usually think of a teacher as a wise individual, yet the teacher can be a situation, a child, a person or nature. It can be wonderful or not so happy, whatever is needed for our growth.

We are simply beings, energy forms, LIFE. Each has a different job to do, each being a part of the puzzle — a necessary piece to the whole picture. Sometimes in our puzzle there are dark spaces but this gives dimension to the picture. In these dark areas or upsetting times, try to analyze a potentially upsetting experience with the thought of teacher/student,

because the universe makes us one or the other. Also there are times we can learn from another's problems, so we do not have to experience that lesson ourselves.

Nature is a teacher, the earth a schoolroom. We can use it to see the comparisons, experience the beauty, take time to contemplate and regroup from the hectic pace of our lives. Nature works with us giving us our needs and we can learn by practicing ecology, not being wasteful or littering, by returning to the earth nutrition and by blessing the earth and all its inhabitants.

There is nothing new, only a reawakening of that which our inner being already knows, so when we open ourselves to the light, the understanding flows to us. I remember a friend praying for patience. All kinds of experiences kept happening to her



## TEACHER OR STUDENT?

to test and teach her patience. Finally she realized that her prayer was bringing these teachers to her.

All flaws in our character are there for a purpose, thus as we release our insecurities, we grow. As we complete one cycle, we make way to step higher into the light. Each time we learn a lesson or resolve an area, we clear our paths to reach higher — for growth is a process of recognition, completion of a cycle and attainment.

Teachers can be the opposite extreme. For example: Love will counteract hurt and bring healing. If your life is out of balance look for what you can reverse to bring a positive change. Tensions or discomforts are often our teachers trying to get our attention, so we may act to restore balance. Remember there is growth at both ends of the spectrum, whether the teacher or the student, in high love moments or low or down moments.

Look for the message.

Experience life! Don't be afraid of failure, or discord; don't forget your freedoms; don't judge yourself or another — rather look for what you can learn from everything. Flowing with a situation teaches — resisting creates blocks, separation and depletion of

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### *Life is a series of lessons.*

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energies. There is no pass or fail in life — no grades or judgements. There is no such thing as a mistake, rather classify it as a lesson learned, a growth process discovered.

Remember that you are doing the best job at that given moment with the facts that you have then. Looking back often you would complete some-

thing in a different manner but this just shows you, that you have mastered the lesson. Understanding this helps you to learn not to judge yourself or others, for at the moment something happens, the way you chose to react is how you felt you must right then.

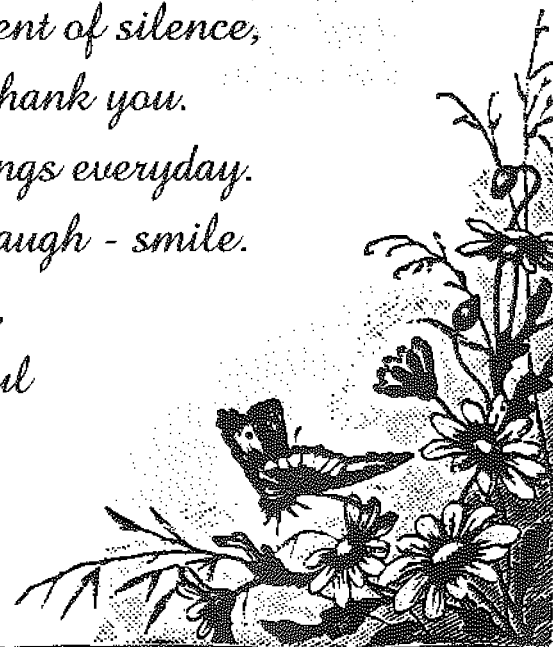
Yes, in all life there is a student and a teacher. During each day we move from one role to the other and back again. Both are very necessary. Learn from all life. Learn from children to rekindle the child within, learn from the senior citizens that life goes on whether we rush or take our time, learn from music the harmony, from nature the beauty, from poetry, inspiration, from books, stimulation. Just keep on learning. Welcome lessons, bless them, bless the teacher and release it as accomplished — another step of growth.



### *Awareness* by Hertha L. Comstock

*Open your hearts,  
Open your minds,  
Open your eyes,  
See the beauty all around.  
Hear with your soul,  
enjoy the loveliness  
of the things of nature.  
The trees, the sweet song  
of the birds.  
The warmth of the sun,*

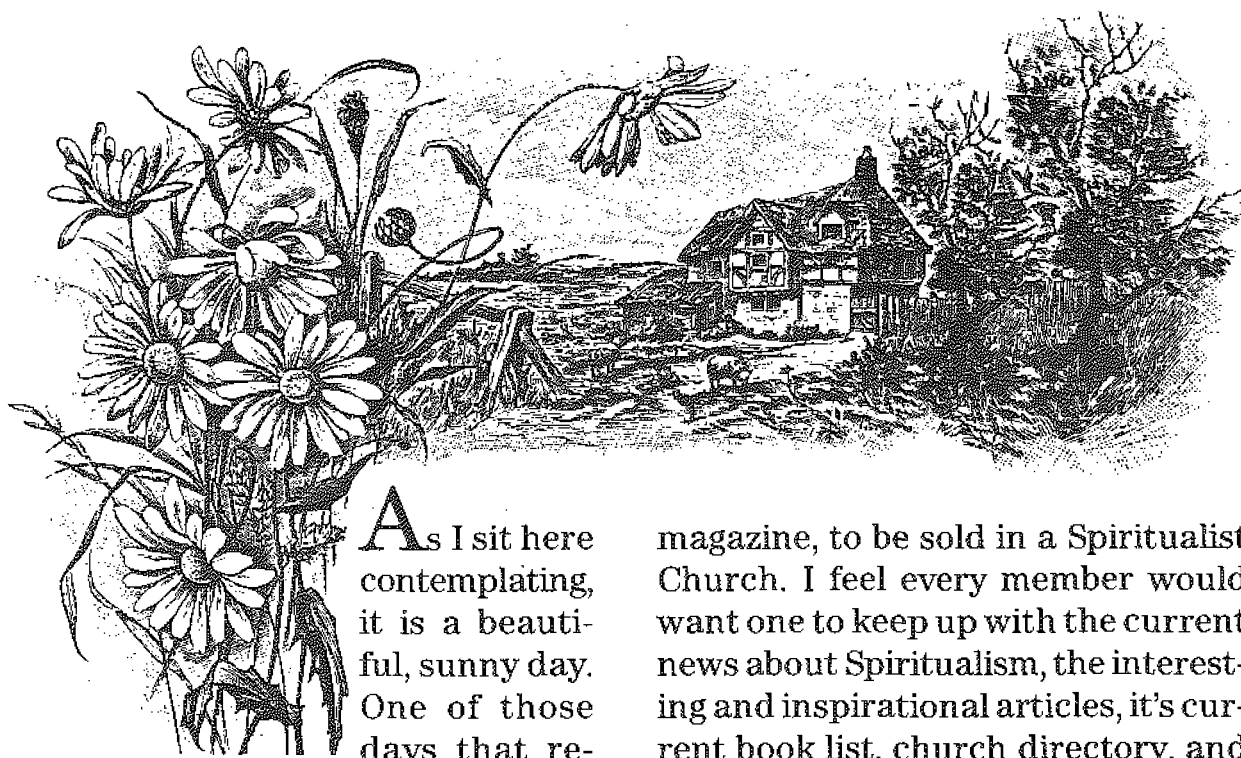
*The cool breeze slipping thru the trees.  
The air that we breathe,  
Drink in the beauty of it all.  
In your quiet moment of silence,  
Remember to say thank you.  
Enjoy all these things everyday.  
Look up - love - laugh - smile.  
This is your world,  
Make it a wonderful  
place to live.*



# EVERY CHURCH Needs A Salesman

*The National Spiritualist — The Voice of Our Religion*

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST



As I sit here contemplating, it is a beautiful, sunny day. One of those days that reminds you of the way the spirit world is — bright green trees, deep blue sky and a brook gurgling past our screen house. My thoughts drift over the past year since I was accepted as pastor of the Augusta Spiritualist Church in Augusta, Maine.

What a year it has been for me. It was a peaceful one at church as should be expected and I feel there has been an increase in the awareness of the need for further education in Spiritualism since I finished the M.P.I. course, and have become ordained. Two other church members have started the course and one member has had an article published in *The National Spiritualist*. Speaking of *TNS* what a wonderful way to continue education.

To all new ideas there is a resistance. It seems strange that it should be difficult to get something of such a great value to Spiritualists, as *The National Spiritualist* monthly

magazine, to be sold in a Spiritualist Church. I feel every member would want one to keep up with the current news about Spiritualism, the interesting and inspirational articles, it's current book list, church directory, and much more.

I suggested that our church sell it a couple of years ago but no action was taken, so when I became pastor, I thought to at least try ten copies which I paid for out of my own money. They promptly sold, so I increased it to fifteen copies. They always sell out before the next issue arrives.

My method of getting our congregation acquainted with *The National Spiritualist* is as follows: On our class night I put them on the table near the entrance with a dollar sign and a basket to leave the money in. At the Sunday service I follow the same procedure, plus at announcement time, I mention that the new issue is available. This method seems to work well.

Even then, we should be selling more. I personally would like to see every member buy one, but at least we have made a start. The board of the

church now handles the subscriptions and we are considering increasing the amount in the near future.

There are many misinformed ideas about Spiritualism. One is that a medium doesn't need to read or study. This I feel has been a detriment to the Spiritualist Philosophy. In the past it seemed to be thought that a medium should be uneducated in order to have less coloring in their messages, but a medium in our present day society needs an education so as to be able to express the material they receive from spirit in a clear and understandable message. Also our workers need to know our religion so they can speak intelligently on the *philosophy, science and religion of Spiritualism*.

Our beliefs are most cheerful, based on common sense and Natural Law, showing us how to truly live a Spiritual life of happiness and growth. It is only by the members of our Spiritualist Churches being well versed on the religion that we can hope to spread our belief as in our commitment to be "*Evangelists to the World*."

At the present time our church president is working to place copies of *The National Spiritualist* in the local libraries. This would be a good project for all Spiritualist Churches, in all cities to attempt. How can the general population get an understanding of our philosophy if we don't place the magazine where it can be seen? Spiritualism needs a push and through our voice, *The National Spiritualist*, it can be done. Do your part and let's help our Great Religion become Greater!

# Just What Is A Spiritualist ?

BY THE REVEREND COSIE ALLEN, NST

Each Sunday, across the country, doors to our Spiritualist Churches are opened wide inviting all to enter and worship with us. At some time during the service our nine Declaration of Principles are repeated in unison. We hear an uplifting or educational lecture, joyous hymns are sung, and spirit messages are given along with all the other things that pertain to a church service. We say good-bye, each going our separate way and hopefully we will be together again the following Sunday.

Once you're out the door do you remember what the lecture was about? Do you think about the nine Declaration of Principles you weekly repeat? Do you repeat them because it is a habit or because you truly affirm what they state?

People often say that they are a Spiritualist, in fact a third, fourth, fifth generation Spiritualist. Some talk, with a lot of pride, about all the books on Spiritualism they have acquired. How wonderful that is! How sad that is when the book sits on the shelf collecting dust and isn't read. How sad to see a Spiritualist, that comes from a long background of Spiritualists, that knows very little about being a Spiritualist.

Being a Spiritualist is a way of life. It is not how long you have been one or the books acquired or even the courses you have taken, it is when you live your life in accordance with love and law. You should not have to tell anyone you are a Spiritualist if you are

living your life as one. People will come to you and ask, "Why are you so happy? How can you have such a great attitude about things the way you do?" They may even ask you your secret formula to life! Then you stand very tall or sit up in your chair, and let them know you are a SPIRITUALIST!

Spiritualism is a positive religion based on love and Natural Law that shows us how to live, grow and enjoy life, but we must continuously work at it. The Law is not a "sometime" law and a true Spiritualist is not a "sometime" Spiritualist.

How often do you lose sight of what our religion teaches us? How often do you cultivate the things our Manual tells us to avoid and how often do you avoid the things you should cultivate?

We must live our Religion! Not just Sunday but every day of our lives! Reach out to your fellow man, take time not only to listen to them but HEAR what is being said!

The definition of a Spiritualist is two fold: they believe, "as the basis of his or her religion, in the communication between this and the spirit world by means of mediumship," and it goes on to say, "and who endeavors to mold his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communication."

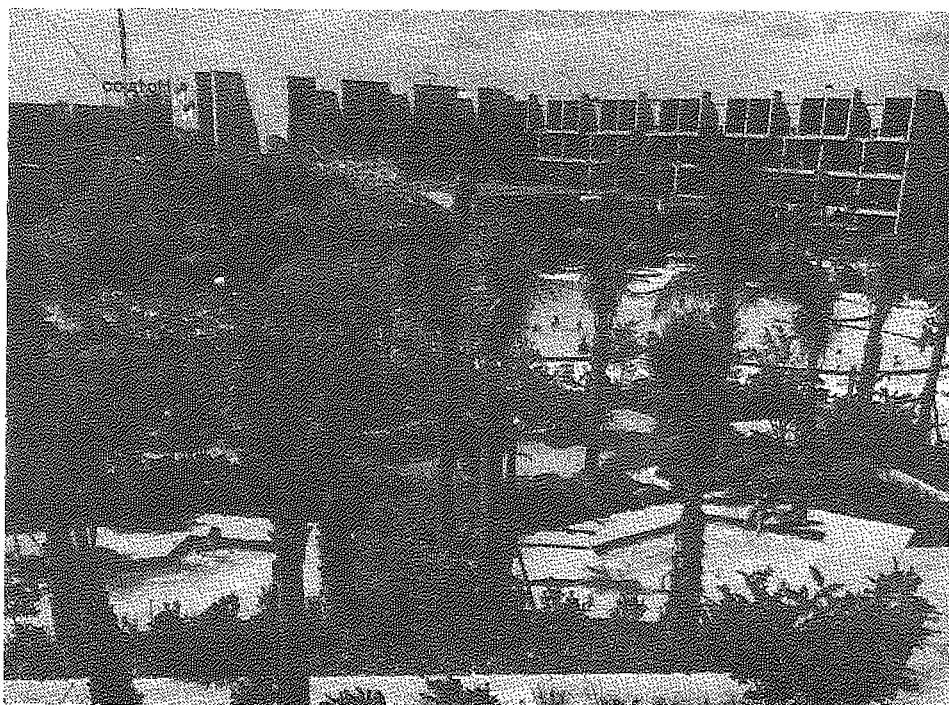
Be the best example of a Spiritualist you can be and you will never have to tell anyone what your religion is. **People will ask you!**

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Your  
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## CONVENTION NEWS



# 99th N.S.A.C. Annual Convention Oct. 6 — Oct. 11, 1991

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**Breast of  
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Please send your check (made out to **Spiritualist Church of Awareness**) AND CHOICE

OF ENTREE to:

**The Spiritualist Church of Awareness**  
c/o Mrs. Helen Sherwood  
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by October 1st, please.**

Tours for EPCOT, the Kennedy Space Center, MGM Studios, Universal Studios and Walt Disney World may be arranged individually through the Delta Resort Hotel Concierge. We have not put together tour packages for any of these attractions because they are quite expensive, and too time consuming to return in time for the evening service. For shoppers, a shuttle bus is available at a nominal fee from the Delta Resort Hotel to International Drive, a shopper's paradise.

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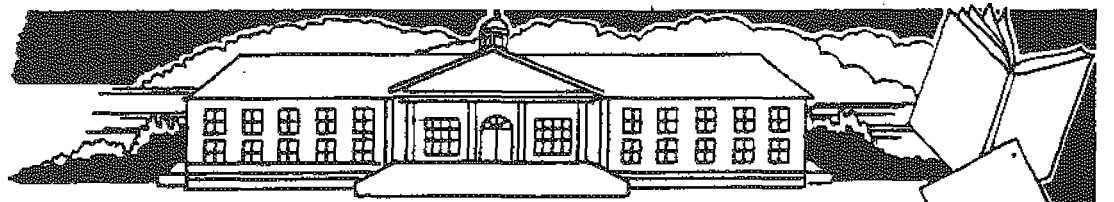
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# Students!

By

The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST

**A**re you a student? Most of us might answer no to this question, but give it some thought. Just because you have completed all of the formal education you feel is necessary, may not mean that you have finished learning.

Learning goes on each and every day of our lives, and continues even after our transition to the higher life. So the answer to the question should be "*Yes, I am still a student.*" If you feel that in your case the answer is no, perhaps you had better take a good hard look at things.

It seems to me that each and every day I have opportunities to learn something new. I think that we all have the same opportunities. Please notice that I used the word '*opportunities.*' If we choose not to learn, or believe that we know it all, then we are not taking advantage of these opportunities, and we will certainly not continue to progress!

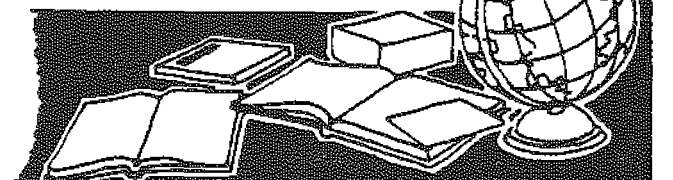
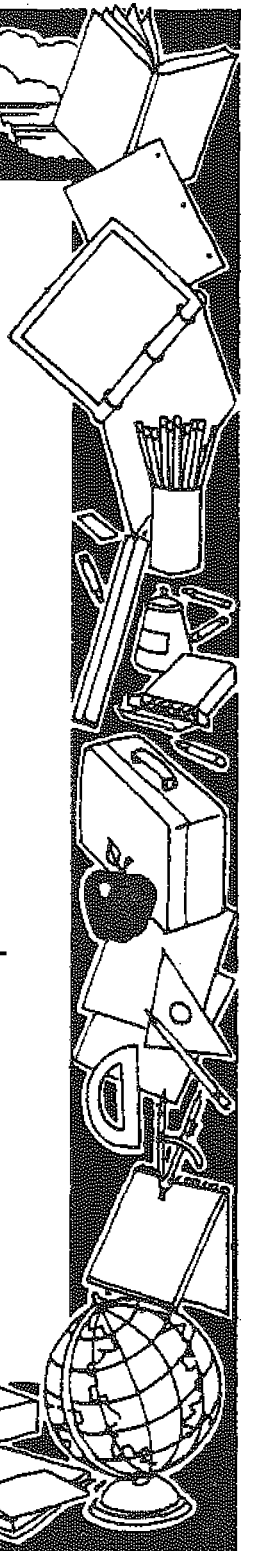
I remember the time when I, and members of our church, served one of our sister churches. The medium working was Gene Pfortmiller and he addressed a gentleman and asked, "*May I bring you spirit greetings?*" The man immediately answered, "*NO!*" I guess that we were all a bit surprised, but Gene handled it in a marvelous fashion. Gene calmly replied, "*Thank you,*" and went right on to the next person.

Look at the lesson we all learned here. I know that if this type of situation ever faces one of the other mediums, they will have learned much from Gene's simple response and are now better equipped to handle such a thing.

Are there other opportunities? How do we recognize them? How often do they present themselves? Well, the answer to these questions is with you, yourself. Yes, there are constant opportunities, all of the time, and

in most situations. It is up to you to recognize them as learning opportunities.

In the situation I described above, we could have just ignored it and noted that Gene responded in a very intelligent and professional manner. On the other hand, we could and did recognize that he was able to respond in this manner because he has taken the time and made the effort to study his mediumship, and that he was prepared for the situation because of this.



*It's important to keep on learning!*



## STUDENTS!

I had the privilege of serving the Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers church in Reseda, California a few years back. The pastor of that church is the Rev. Pat Smith. When we reached the message portion of the service there was only Rev. Pat Smith and myself to serve as message bearers.

At that time Rev. Pat Smith, while studying to do so, had not yet acquired her mediumship certificate. She was however, an ordained minister, a National Spiritualist Teacher and a Commissioned Healer of the N.S.A.C.

Quite impressive credentials!

She then taught me a lesson, and in the process gained a great deal of respect from me. She introduced me as a certified medium and herself as a "student" medium. There was no ego, no attempt to impress anybody. Even with the very impressive credentials she had, she STILL considered herself a student! No wonder she has now been elected as a Trustee on our National Board.

It seems that for some reason in many of our churches, we attract people that don't want to bother to spend the time as a student. I have seen many cases where people will begin attending classes at church, and very quickly feel that they should then be allowed to teach the class! They may feel that their past experience, or their (*in their own eyes*) rapid development, qualified them to do so.

Never mind that the current instructor may have spent several years and completed all of the prescribed courses of the N.S.A.C. Never mind that others have also spent years in development and unfoldment classes. Never mind that these same people have not yet developed even a basic understanding of our philosophy.

All of this has no bearing in their minds. They feel that they should not and cannot 'waste their time' being

students. They feel that they are ready to assume whatever responsibilities there are. Of course we have all sadly, seen this type of behavior carried much further than in the class.

About three years ago I had a lady tell me that if I didn't make certain changes (*such as were implemented in her former church*), in the way things were done in our church, we would start losing some of our members. I should mention that this very same lady, in a subtle manner, did not accept or go along with the teachings of the N.S.A.C.!

I asked her why she had started coming to our church? She replied that she liked the feeling of fellowship and the sincerity demonstrated by everyone. I then asked her why she had left her last church and her response almost floored me. She stated that she did not like the way things were done there and was much happier in our church.

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### *There are many ways to learn about our religion.*

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I attempted to explain the contradiction in her logic. She came to our church because she liked everything about it and now, for whatever reason, she wanted us to make changes that would make it much like the church she left because she was unhappy with the way things were done there. Needless to say, I was unsuccessful in convincing her that her logic was somewhat in error.

By the way, this lady has in fact, left our church and is seeking another church home. However, since that time our membership has approximately doubled!

But here is another case where a person did not want to take the time to learn; did not want to take the time to study; did not want to take the time to be a student of our religion. Yet, she strongly believed that things should be done her way. And when she realized that we did not intend to change either our church and/or the

N.S.A.C. for her, she decided to seek another church. (*And maybe that's not so bad either.*)

How many learning opportunities do you recognize? Do you take advantage of those opportunities? And if not, then why not?

There are many ways to learn about our religion. We offer a wide range of books that are approved by the N.S.A.C. And, while the Morris Pratt Institute is separate from the N.S.A.C., it is still part of our educational system and offers the courses that are necessary for certification in our organization.

We have ordained ministers, National Spiritualist Teachers, certified mediums and commissioned healers that have all earned their certifications by their hard work and study of our religion. These people are all most willing to share their training and knowledge with others in the hopes of furthering Spiritualism.

Our churches offer many different classes for our personal education.

Our ministers are available for private consultation and advice whenever necessary. We have a 'Willing Workers' list of National Spiritualist Teachers, that have made themselves available in many different parts of the country. A task force has been formed to develop an outline of a new course that may be developed as another means of education for our members.

And of course, we are privileged to share the wonderful gifts of spirit communication. This in itself, does provide continuing education for those of us who desire to learn.

We teach that the way of Spiritualism is onward and upward. Never faltering, always progressing. We also teach that each one of us must do our part. And if we do, then great will be our individual rewards. Great will be the benefit to our wonderful religion.

# What happened in SEPTEMBER throughout the years?

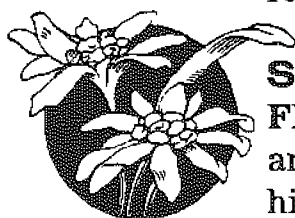
## SEPTEMBER 4, 1824 & APRIL 26, 1820

The birth dates of Phoebe and Alice Cary who wrote beautiful hymns and poems. They were ardent Spiritualists and friends of the Fox Sisters.

## SEPTEMBER 5, 1860 Wilburforce Juvenal Col-

ville was born at sea. As a child he was aware of his spirit mother. One evening after seeing Cora Richmond, he was entranced at the dinner table in response to a request by one of the diners. This was the beginning of a wonderful platform worker, that gave inspired lectures, poetry and prayers. He toured England, America, Australia, Canada, Mexico and Europe. He was an inspirational writer and wrote a number of books and many articles. He spent most of his life in public service and Spiritual work.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1955** The Fox cottage burned to the ground in Lily Dale, N.Y. A marker now commemorates the Fox family and the cottage.



## SEPTEMBER 13, 1838 A. B.

FRENCH was born. His parents were among the first Spiritualists in Ohio, with his mother and sister as well as himself

unfolding mediumship and trance. He started to lecture in the trance state before his twentieth birthday and not only on Spiritualism but Mohammed, Buddha, prehistoric man, etc. He was also an attorney and owned a nursery business. At Lily Dale he was instrumental in establishing the library and donated over 50 volumes. He served Spiritualism all his adult life and added much to our religion.



**SEPTEMBER 24, 1861** John Slater was born. He was mediumistic as a child and became a loyal worker for the cause of Spiritualism. He was the first medium to introduce sealed questions.

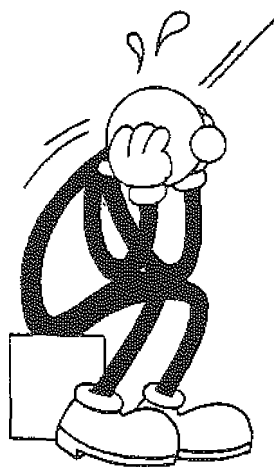
**SEPTEMBER 27, 1893** The National Spiritualist Association was organized with the first delegates of Spiritualists of the U.S.A. convening at 77 Thirty-first St., Chicago, IL.

**SEPTEMBER 29, 1903** The Morris Pratt Institute opened with Prof. A. J. Weaver as the first Principal and Moses Hull as the first President.

"So he began to be very thoughtful about every action of his life; and if he felt uneasy about anything he was tempted to do, he said to himself, *'This is the inward light, showing me that the thing is wrong. I will not do it.'* Pursuing this course, he became careful not to do anything which did not bring peace to his soul; and as the soul can never be peaceful when it disobeys God, he was continually travelling toward Zion while he strove to follow this inward light in his soul; and the more humbly he tried to follow it, the clearer the light became."

— William Boen, *The Freedmen's Book*

Lydia M. Child (1802-1880)



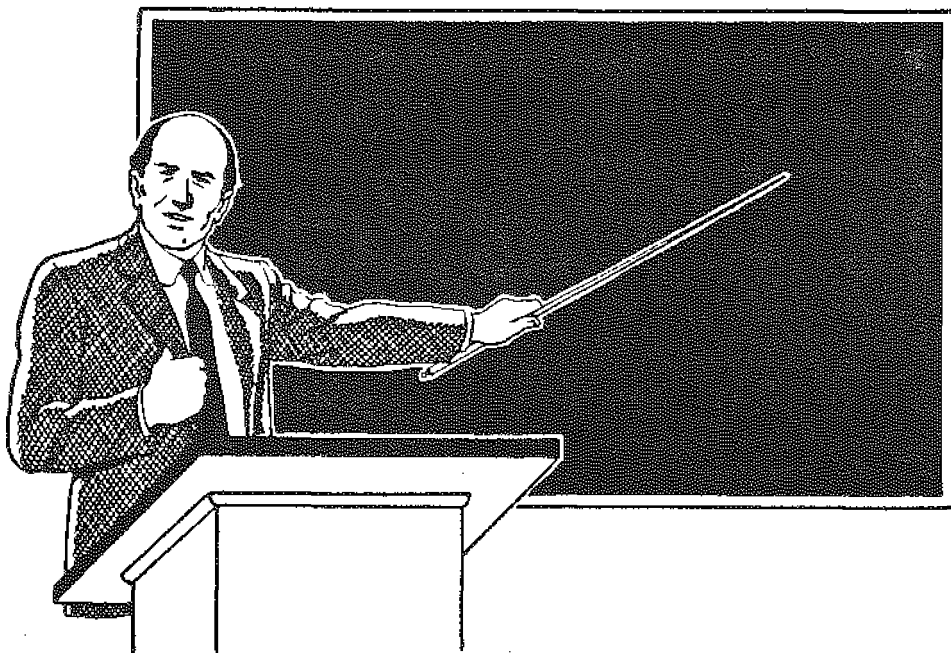
## Jest Joking...

- Think about it - we do not see things as *they* are, but as *we* are.
- Our pastor at church Sunday morning said, "Our speaker this morning requires no introduction. She didn't show up."
- Apologizing for a mean comment is kind of like trying to unscramble an egg.
- Let us compare friends and money for a moment - both are easier made than kept.
- A chapel recently added a room onto their building for a Lyceum. They were so proud of their new addition that they hung a sign on the corner of the building - "This room was created by Infinite Intelligence." One of the construction crew penciled in underneath, "& Galt Construction."



# What Every Teacher Should Know

BY THE REV. ALFRED A. CONNER, NST



The maxim by which every teacher should live is, "*I am my student's teacher, not his keeper.*"

As a teacher, the natural inclination is to behave like a parent (despite the fact that some students are old enough to be the parent of the teacher) and attempt to do everything for the student, or to do everything to protect the student from everything out there. By doing this we do no favor for the student. Life is the great teacher, and experience the great wisdom-bestower.

The elements a teacher should use are **strength, humor and kindness.**

Knowledge is strength. This knowledge may be acquired by book-learning, communication from an earth or spirit teacher, or observation of behavior (be it animal, vegetable or mineral.) Knowledge becomes wisdom only by application, trial and proof. Empirical evidence is the only true proof of spirit return.

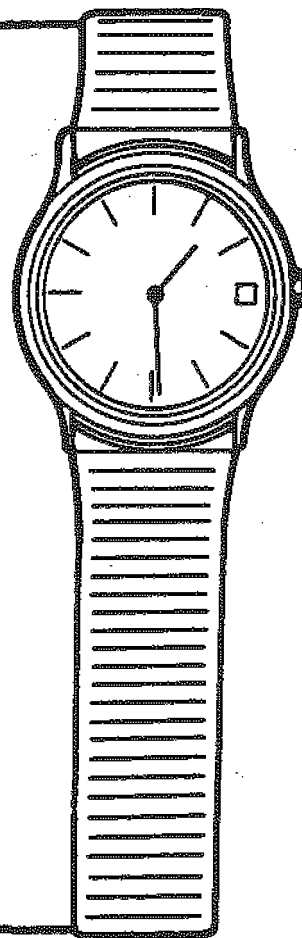
Humor should be lavished throughout the lectures, questions and answers, and reverence maintained for Infinite Intelligence and our beloved religion of Spiritualism. The association with laughter, or a feeling of well being is crucial to long-term memory connection with learning and joyous religious experiences.

Kindness is the method by which the teacher should correct a student, always working to improve the standards of the student. As my former earth-teacher, the Rev. Mitzie Monroe, said, "*The spirit loved-ones always precede a chastening with a kiss.*" And in my personal experience, I have never heard an enlightened spirit-entity negatively or unkindly criticize anyone. At worst the spirit teacher has said that the outcome of the law of Cause and Effect is inexorable!

As my good friend, the Rev. Louise Peruch, NST says, when she makes an error in something she does or says, "*You see, I'm not perfect, God is still working on me.*" AMEN.

# An Early Greeting

BY BILL RIORDAN



*A Gratifying Experience  
on the Journey to  
Spiritual Awakening*

Many of you have experienced on your paths of enlightenment and growth, Spiritual Communications. Our Spiritual understanding knows that those on the other side are present and assisting us on our path of life as a child of God. Natural Law allows this contact.

In *I Corinthians, Chapter 12, vs 7-11*, Paul describes spiritual gifts God allots to us. I have been blessed with healing and the distinguishing of Spirits to assist me in life and in healing.

On Sunday, June 9, 1991 at 2:45 p.m. I went to an athletic facility or sports mall in Murray, Utah. As I was entering I saw Todd, the weekend manager, leaving from the side entrance. He looked as healthy and relaxed as I have ever seen him. Normally he is not off till 3:00 p.m. so I joked with him about leaving early.

He said, *"I am leaving slightly earlier than expected. I have done a good job here. Have a good life and workout."*

I said, *"You do a good job. Glad you could leave early."* He smiled, waved and I entered the club. Todd and I exchanged compliments on a regular basis. I let him know how thoughtful he was to the employees and the membership. He in turn would remind me that I too was someone who cared to see others happy and fulfilled. One

day, in our conversation, I shared with him my beliefs and experiences that prove existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death. He said I gave him a lot to think about.

There were two mechanical problems that afternoon at the club. To the amazement of the employees and myself, I was able to give directions to repair them. The next day, I picked up the paper and there was Todd's picture, with a story about his sudden death. He died the day before our last conversation.

Realizing I had seen him after his death, I was filled with appreciation of having the gift from God to communicate with spirit. Todd took advantage of this relaxed, joyful state to again impress me. He told me he had helped with those mechanical problems at the club through thought communications. He felt that Infinite Spirit had allowed him to leave a little bit early as he had done a good job on earth. He requested I help the bereaved understand his death and that they would seek me out.

In my path to God and higher understanding, I feel most blessed to share this faculty of the spiritual experiences. It is very gratifying to have it proven to me again, that life is indeed continuous and communication possible to those that open themselves to receive.





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1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, N.Y. 11741; Secy., Virginia J. Berg.

### NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church,

29 Park St., 06360; P.O. Box 939; Hope Valley, R.I.; Secy., Alvera Gauvin, 70 Peck St., 06360, 889-5968.

### OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church,

293 Sound Beach Ave., P.O. Box No. 143, 06870; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Secy., Irmgard LaForge, 223 W. Ave. Darien, , 06820.

### STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., N.S.A.C.,

Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June; Pastor John Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., So. Norwalk, 06854. (203) 866-3885; Secy., Denise Puglia, 30 Edison St., 06487, (203) 377-3912.

### WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic,

268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing Serv., Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; President Ruth E. Moore, 2-C Pleasant St., Plainfield, 06374 (203) 564-8497; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup 06354. (203) 564-5976.

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### **ALBANY - The Capital District Spiritualist Church,**

2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes, Mon.-Thurs., Open Seances every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every Sun. at 8:30 p.m.; Psychic Horizons Bookstore is open Weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., James Jamieson; Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

### **AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Center,**

419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010. Lecture & message service, Sunday, 11:30 a.m., and open seances every Fri. at 7:30 p.m. year round. Development Classes, Tues.-Sat., October 'til May. Pastor, Jeanne M. MacVilla, (518) 842-0205.

### **BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church,**

97 Riverside Dr., 13905, (607) 723-0695; Sun. 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Howell, 97 Riverside.

### **BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, N.S.A.C.,**

493 Clinton Ave. (2R), 11238; Serv. 1st & 3rd Sat. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr. (same address); Secy., Willette Law, 10 Argyle Rd. #6C, 11218, (718) 282-8542.

### **BUFFALO - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood,**

1980 Bailey Ave., 14211, (716) 892-5277; Sun. Lyceum Serv. 10:30 a.m., Pastor Andrew Lynch; Healing Serv. 11:30 a.m., Worship Serv. 12:00 p.m., Mediums Day 2nd Sun. every month, Dinner 1:00 p.m., Message Serv. Every Wed. 7:00 p.m., Classes, Seminars, Consultations & Special Activities available, contact Pastor or President for further information; Pres., Greg Bodekor, 644 7th St., 14213.

### **EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple,**

29 Temple Pl., 14052; Sun. (except Mediums Day) 1:00 p.m. Lyceum Classes adult & children; 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture & Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Coffee Hour; Mediums Day 3rd Sun. of month: 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture and Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Dinner; 5:30 p.m. All Message Service; 6:30 p.m. Coffee Hour; Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Spencer, NST; Box 511 Delevan, 14042; Secy., Charlene Kleinschmidt, 1071 Wish Circle, 14052. (716) 652-4972.

### **FREEVILLE - Central New York Spiritualist Assoc. Camp,**

Box 26, 13068.

### **LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly,**

5 Melrose Park, 14752.

### **LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church,**

Sun. Servs. Healing & Development 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June), Lyceum Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Lois Theis, Director; Pres., Ron Robertson; Secy., Bonnie Woods. Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, 14752.

### **LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church,**

261 Elmont Road, Elmont, 11003; Pastor & Secy., Milagros G. Rivera, (516) 354-1395.

### **LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, N.S.A.C.,**

15 Oak St., Patchogue, 11772; Service Sundays 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen, 737-4651; Secy., Rev. Virginia Berg, 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, 11741, (516) 588-1442.

### **ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church,**

175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ann Lazerson, 691 Parsells Ave., 14607, (716) 288-5666.

### **ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light,**

c/o The New Voyage Bookstore, 1712 Monroe Ave., 14618; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30; Pastor, Rev. Ann Lazerson, 691 Parsells Ave., 14609, (716) 288-5666; Secy., Carol Orr, 117 Strawberry Hill Rd., 14623, (716) 334-7434.

## ● OHIO ●

### **OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,**

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### **ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp,**

P.O. Box 24, 43003.

### **ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church,**

4320 Main Ave.; Sun. Serv., 2:30 p.m., Healing & Clairvoyance; Pres., Charles J. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093, (216) 293-7056; Secy.-Treas., Dorothy A. Benes, 8513 Creek Rd., Williamsfield, 44093, (216) 293-7056.

### **COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden,**

1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211; Devotional Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Wed. Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Neil C. Griffen, 8521 Worthington Rd., Westerville, 43081; Secy., Miriam Mansour, (614) 231-0213.

### **COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation,**

1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211.

### **DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,**

848 Clover St., 45410; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., All message Serv. 4th Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Ray Moschke, 1468 Ironwood Dr., Fairborn, 45324, (513) 878-1165; Pastor, Rev. Juanita M. Luppeti; Secy., Vanita Scholl, 1330-B Black Forrest Dr., West Carrollton, OH 45449.

### **MARENGO - The Spiritualist Temple of Light,**

1463 Co. Rd. 24, 43334.

### **MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church,**

667 Henry St., 43302; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Robert Hull, 316 Franklin St., 43302, (614) 387-8887; Secy., Helen Brown, 400 Delaware Ave., #905, 43002, (614) 387-5834.

### **MASSILLON - Sanctuary of Eternal Light, N.S.A.C.,**

224 North Ave. N.E., 44646, (216) 832-9764; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Nettie North Ave. N.E., 44646, (216) 832-9674.

### **SHERWOOD - Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,**

Services 2:00 p.m., 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays, March thru Dec.; Pres., Robert D. Comstock; Secy., Hertha L. Comstock, 1629 Franklin Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46808, (219) 426-6793.

## ● OKLAHOMA ●

### **OKLAHOMA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,**

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### **BLACKWELL - First Spiritualist Church of Blackwell,**

1202 W. Oklahoma St., 73701.

### **OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church,**

2348 N.W. 36th St.; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Joseph F. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., 73110, (405) 732-7975.

## ● PENNSYLVANIA ●

### **ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, N.S.A.C.,**

1123 Oak St., 18102; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Sharon Politz, 223½ N. 2nd St., 18102, (215) 434-3607; Pastor, Rev. B.C. Frace (215) 868-5476.

### **McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church,**

809 Locust St., 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 501 Pirl St., Apt. 4M, 15132; Secy., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230.

### **PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church,**

423 S. Broad St., 19147. (215) 735-9630. Lyceum Sun., 3:00 p.m.; Serv., 4:00 p.m., Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121. (215) 232-9219.

### **PHILADELPHIA - Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church,**

Rising Sun & Park Aves.; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., Healing-Sermon-Messages; Pres., Robert E. Gee, 4 Forest Hill Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Pastor, Elizabeth Benetz, 1116 Stony Lane, Gladwyne, 19035; Secy., Maria E. Smith, 1812 Edgewood Pl., Clementon, NJ 08021.

## ● TEXAS ●

### **TEXAS SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,**

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### **AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church,**

4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Sun. Devotional & Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. June Brockway (512) 327-2769 after 6:00 p.m.; Secy., Donald Willis, 1308 Neans Dr., 78758, (512) 837-4304.

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802 S. College St., P.O. Box 1152, 76520; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Frances Brown, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin, 78704, (512) 447-2188; Pres., Pearl Krennek, P.O. Box 1152, 76520, (817) 697-3027; Secy.-Treas., Connie Cannon, P.O. Box 1152, 76520, (817) 697-2296; Organist, Zelma King.

### DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church,

4653 Cedar Tone Dr., 75211; Services the second and last Sunday each month at 10:45 a.m.; Pastor, Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, (214) 331-8236.

### EL PASO - Luz Y Verdad Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,

3523 Beauchamp St., 77009, (713) 864-0474; Lyceum & Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Wed. 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, Charles D. Jessup, III; Secy., Mrs. I. M. Rivera, 3305 Nashville, 79930; Jovita Garcia, Lyceum Director 2:30 p.m.

### GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, N.S.A.C.,

2323 Avenue "N", 77551; Secy., Bonney Locke.

### HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science,

2115 Turner St., 77009.

### HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit,

8010 Wier, #1, 77017.

### SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, N.S.A.C.,

2528 Abilene St., 78211.

### SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel,

1627 Pan Am Express Way N.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Garrett H. Scholtz; Secy., Elizabeth L. Dolyak, 3627 S.W. Military, #8, 78211, 923-8180.

### TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, N.S.A.C.,

West Fourth St. & Ferguson; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Mr. Rudolph Lutonsky; Pastor & Secy., Mrs. Frances Brown, 2723 So. Congress, #2311, Austin, 78704, (512) 477-2188.

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### NORFOLK - Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C.,

307 W. 37th St., 23508; Devotional Serv. Sun. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Fred H. Brown, 622 W. Princess Anne Rd., 23517, (804) 627-7015; Secy., Robert L. Oliver, c/o Christian Metaphysical Chapel.

## • WASHINGTON •

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1228 - 26th Ave. Ct., 98354; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1257, 98354. Pres., Ruby Smith, 10208 - 217th Ave. Ct. E., Buckley, 98321, (206) 862-2587; Secy., Denise L. Chapman, 307 S. 34th, Tacoma, 98408, (206) 472-8558.

### PUYALLUP - First Spiritualist Church,

341 2nd St. S.E., 98372.

### SEATTLE - Church of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C.,

P.O. Box 94191.

### SEATTLE - Tower Memorial Church, N.S.A.C.,

2116 W. Dravus St., 98199; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.; Pres., Martina Steffen, 6055 52nd Ave. N.E., 98115, (206) 524-8572; Secy., Mrs. Viola J. Paris, 5929 - 32nd Ave. So., 98115, (206) 723-2684.

### TACOMA - Church of Spiritual Unity,

Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres. Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 25th Ave. Crt., Milton, 98354; Secy., Louise Mezen, 510 - 10th St. S.E., Puyallup, 98372, (206) 848-6933.

## • WEST VIRGINIA •

### WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association,

(Way Memorial Temple) Broadway & Maryland Sts.; Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sun. Serv. 10:45 a.m., Wed. Healing 7:00 p.m., Message Serv. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Velma Gasber, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003, Parsonage: (204) 232-5795; Secy., Lucille Cubbin, 71421 Erin Lane, Martins Ferry, OH 43935, (615) 633-0520; Lyceum Conductor Beverly Goff, 74121 Mt. Pleasant Pike, Martins Ferry, OH 43935.

## • WISCONSIN •

### WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church,

6228 W. Washington St., 53214; Sun. Lyceum Children 10:30 a.m., Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Church Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Joseph Sax; Pres., Manilla Kochanski; Secy., Raeona Black, 2835 N. 47th St., Milwaukee, 53210, (414) 442-0183. Church phone: (414) 257-9889.

### WEST ALLIS - Spiritual Science Church,

2103 S. 81st St., 53219; Sun. Healing 10:00 a.m., Service 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Al Brazzoni, 1913 Bonnie Lane, Waukesha, 53188; Secy., Mary Ann Myers, 8540 W. Waterford Ave., Greenfield, 53228. Church phone (414) 545-2126.

## • CANADA •

### BRITTEN MEMORIAL CHURCH,

657 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto, Ontario, M6H 3Y2.

### EAST HAMILTON SPIRITUAL CHURCH,

83 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton, Ontario, L8H 3Y9.

### THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL,

2186 St. Catherine St. West; English Serv. - Sun. 2:15 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; French Serv. - Sun. 4:30 p.m. & 4th Wed. 7:30 p.m.

### SPIRITUAL SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP,

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## I Love

by James R. Woodhams

I love Oak trees  
And a cool summer breeze.  
I love monarch butterflies,  
Sunshine and blue skies.  
I love buffalo and eagles,  
And I love Niagara Falls.  
I love music and art,  
And I love shopping malls.  
I love God,  
And I love my Guides and Teachers.  
I love the human race,  
And all living creatures.  
I love living,  
And I love being free.  
But most of all,  
I love being me.



I love winter,  
Puffy clouds and snow.  
I love concerts,  
And going to the show.  
I love flying,  
And jumping out of planes.  
I love the smell of nature,  
After it rains.  
I love liberty,  
And justice for all.  
I love the morning birds,  
Singing their sweet call.  
I love auctions, flea markets,  
And garage sales.  
And my favorite place on earth,  
Is Lily Dale.

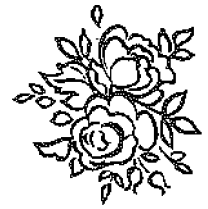


I love the Northern Lights,  
Dirt roads and colorful kites.  
I love everything,  
For all is good;  
From rainy days,  
To chopping wood.



## The Soul

by Jerry Thomas

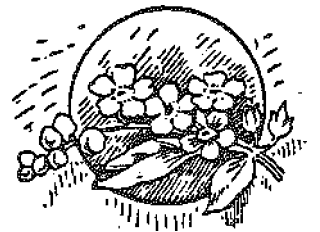


The Soul is the essence of you  
Born into freedom true  
It binds you in life  
And with the body — often in strife  
But in the whole of things  
It is a freedom that Brings  
You Back — into the truest of Life — With wings.

You must see the Reality — On the back of your mind  
You must not let life's secrets Make You Blind  
Let your Light Shine — There Will be Roses and Wine.

The Soul is the One  
Who says — freedom, My Son!  
Go your own way to only discover someday  
That your future was in the past begun.

You have not the Right to set it aside.  
Be Men of Courage. Let your Pride die  
Live for yourselves, But be at Peace  
Reminiscent of old, ancient Greece.



Let us not Be Men of winged complacency  
But let us agree to set men free  
To feel our true Soul is our destiny.

We are all Souls — But we are One  
Let us Be still and hope has begun  
Then we must walk; then we must run  
Let us go forward toward the Sun.  
We are almost — All the way — home.  
This is the day — the day of the Soul.  
When the Whole World feels no Control  
I am in favor of the ultimate goal.

It is my wish — my greatest desire  
To see better things all the while  
I must See More and not less — or all I have is  
Lost by my own request

There is no way that we can see  
The need for Love in our Reality  
But it brings together the need and we  
Must fill our hearts before we can see  
That within ourselves is all that Be.  
We are the ultimate Reality.







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— *Prayer for Spiritual Healing* —

*I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body  
and to restore me to perfect health.*

*I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.*

*I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are  
in need of help and to restore them to perfect health.*

*I put my trust in the love and power of God.*

# The Gifts Of The Spirit

BY THE REVEREND RUTH A. DYKE

Our spirit world helpers tell us that Spiritual Healing is now their priority of attention as a means of directly serving mankind upon earth. Its benefits are being spread and are increasing in number. While the spirit directed healings are conveying the healing benefits to a patient, with well focused and easily detected energies, they are also physically proving the reality of the obviously alive in-spirit human beings who are projecting them from the spirit world. Also that these human in-spirit beings have advanced themselves in order to have become conveyors of spiritual benefits through the healers living on earth. For patients who have had little or no knowledge of spirit life, this is a very important piece of personal evidence. They cannot discard the feelings experienced while receiving a purposeful spirit directed healing that was given to them under group circumstances of great intensity.

This life-in-spirit evidence, plus the greater spiritual healing effectiveness, are reasons for our adoption of the method of fulfilling our spiritual

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healing work immediately in front of, or surrounded by, a congregation of interested people. While its members await their turns to sit on any of the four, up to seven "healing stools" and for the message service which follows, they listen to soft hymn music being played from a tape, or by one of our organists. Meanwhile, all persons present take a quiet interest in what is going on in front of themselves. The unity of interest and focus of attention builds a high degree of "power" in the central area, where the spiritual healers are working. Frequently, this becomes so obvious the sitters on the stools will become strongly convinced of two or more pairs of hands working on them, instead of the one earthly healer, under the direction of

their spirit helper.

This heightened condition of the spiritual energies results from the caring interest and group unity present, on behalf of a beneficial purpose that is being expressed and served with dedication. Each healer and his or her spirit helper are therefore not "on their own" for the generation of energy supplies while treating their patients. Having a caring contribution gathered all around themselves, in support of their efforts to bring a maximum of benefit to their patients, the healers and their spirit helpers can give more of their attention toward detecting and applying added treatment to the deeper needs of the sitters on their stools.

The public service form of spiritual healing mentioned above requires the preparatory training of spiritual healers in a development circle, to build their abilities to attune themselves with a spirit helper. Learning to keep their minds free of wandering thoughts is important. Filling their minds, hearts and souls with an unbiased love of people and all other



## THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

forms of life is likewise essential for success in this work. Love is the active agent of God in healing, without which little progress can be made. When it is present in strength and in a state of unity, it can become the means of accomplishing almost any worthwhile purpose that falls within the harmony of *God's Laws of Life*. Spiritual Healing is certainly one of those purposes.

**T**here are other very important forms of Spiritual Healing, which are the day-to-day abilities that people can develop, through caring about humanity as a whole, and unfortunate parts of it in particular.

A mother who holds her child lovingly to herself and kisses his skinned knee gives spiritual healing. Her love and deep desire to help gives forth its strength to her young one. It also brings added assistance from unseen spirit helpers who likewise care about children. A spiritual healing frequency unifies all for a few moments. There will be a release from pain in the child.

Sensitive and understanding individuals who care about sad and depressed people who have difficult circumstances to contend with, are also spiritual helpers. They give strength and upliftment, that is generated in their souls whenever they see a need for it. They turn the minds of the depressed ones away from dwelling on the "*woes of the world*," whether they be their own or those in the far-off places. Loving and caring thoughts and suggestions are substituted, which are inspired by unseen and often unknown spirit helpers.

**P**rayer is a very important means of bringing spiritual healing or other forms of spirit world help to people who have needs of almost any kind. As in other aspects of spiritual healing, the prayer should be directed to God, even though it will be acted upon by those spirits whose knowledge and interests are compar-

able in purpose to their own. Prayers should not be selfish in their intent. Where help is requested for the self, the purpose should be clearly expressed and be sincere, that the requested assistance is needed for the gaining of an increased ability to give service to other people in a named beneficial way.

Absent Healing (*sometimes called "Distant Healing"*) refers to a form of prayer healing, through which trained spiritual healers, mostly working through churches or other groups, perform a regular enlisting-of-spirit-help service on behalf of people who are ill or in other difficulties. The mediums or spiritual healers collect and read out under thought power, the names of persons in need and the type of help required. They are assisted by their own spirit helpers' energies and wisdom of appraisal, concerning the healing direction to be

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### *The mental call goes to those who can give help where it is needed.*

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taken. After the center for the absent healing work becomes established, many spirits who specialize in the work will also join together there at the appointed times of the services of prayer and petition. With their help and that of the mental sense of purpose of whomever reads the names out, the information is broadcast to the spirits whose specialty is in the healing of the spirit. The mental call goes to those who can give help where it is needed. This sometimes includes earthly human beings, who have a needed gift or ability.

The most important thing to always remember is the need to enlist the help of God (*Spirit*) at the beginning and ending of each form of spiritual healing (*a prayer for help, and one of appreciation for having received it*). This applies to any spirit activity. Also, it is to be borne in mind that in

asking for God's help, the prayer is intercepted by worthy and qualified spirits who serve His purposes. Inexperienced intruders have no right to intrude or interfere, as they are sometimes inclined to do when we fail to be specific.

**A** very strongly to be emphasized aspect of spiritual healing work is the fact that it concerns itself deeply with doing good for others, instead of thinking excessively about the self. When working with such a caring purpose lodged strongly within the consciousness, and a firm belief in finding God's goodness expressed through spirit workers who fulfill the earthly healing prayers and petitions, it is far less likely that low or interfering spirits could draw near to the praying or petitioning person who seeks to bring benefit to someone with a need. The vibrations of spiritual goodness and love would be too strong. On the other hand, if the prayers would involve a desire for material gain or personal recognition for the self, an unreliable note could however be struck in the spirit connection. Self-centered interests attract less than spiritual spirits.

The contact form of Spiritual Healing, as already mentioned, must have all of the universal caring characteristics of spiritual love strongly represented in its healing personnel, plus an added spirit-sensitized ability, gained through the study and practice of proven methods of generating a close attunement with spirit helpers. Extensive exercising of the "*gift*" as it is being opened in a development group, under controlled conditions that are supervised, can bring about astonishing beneficial results as time passes.

**W**hen learning and developing this spirit guided type of spiritual healing, methods of spirit control must become established. A well qualified teacher should always be present to enforce them during the development period.



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the week and time of your meeting.  
This is a wonderful way to practice  
our Absent Healing, to help others,  
to share a prayer and something  
that EVERYONE can participate in.

## FEATURE

# FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

*In this column we list Favorite Sayings to Live By. Please send in your sayings that have helped you, for they may in turn assist another.*

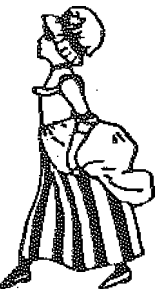


"Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry alone."

— submitted by Mary K. Duggon

"If anyone loses even a single right, we risk losing them all." Judith Jamison, Artistic Director, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

— submitted by Lillian Johanson



"Life is the Journey and not the arrival."

— submitted by Ginger Golom

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: 'To rise above little things.'"

— John Burroughs

"Hard things are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength."

— Anon.



"Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great."

— Emerson

The last 3 were taken from TNS, December, 1937, so they were sharing sayings to live by way back then too.

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### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAY MEMORIAL TEMPLE

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**T**he Way Memorial Temple, Wheeling, West Virginia, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in September. The church received its Charter in September, 1901, and under the leadership of Rev. George W. Way, the members had the building erected and held the first service in their new home in September of 1916. In six short years the church was free of debt. Ironically, Rev. Way died in September 1922 and the mortgage was burned and the ashes buried with him.

With two great occasions to celebrate, 75 years for the church and 90 years for the granting of our Charter, we have planned a two-day affair. On Saturday, Sept. 28th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. we will have an exhibit of pictures, old and current, of past ministers and members who have faithfully served the Temple. Our scrap book will be available for viewing. At 5:00 p.m. a catered reservation dinner will be served. At 7:30 p.m. an all-message service will be held in the Sanctuary with local mediums serving.

Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Velma Gasber will present Alvin E. Gasber, of Lily Dale, N.Y. and J. Barry Gasaway of Columbus, Ohio as speakers. Both men are 4th generation Spiritualists and have a wide and varied knowledge of the religion. Following the morning service a covered-dish dinner will be enjoyed. At 2:00 p.m. we will have our Annual Harvest and Home-coming Party. Members and friends will bring gifts of paper products and supplies for the new church season. A Chinese auction will also be held. This proves to be a fun-time for all ages.

The Official Board of the Temple wishes to extend an invitation to anyone who would care to celebrate with us.

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### TRANSITION OF DOROTHY PIERCE

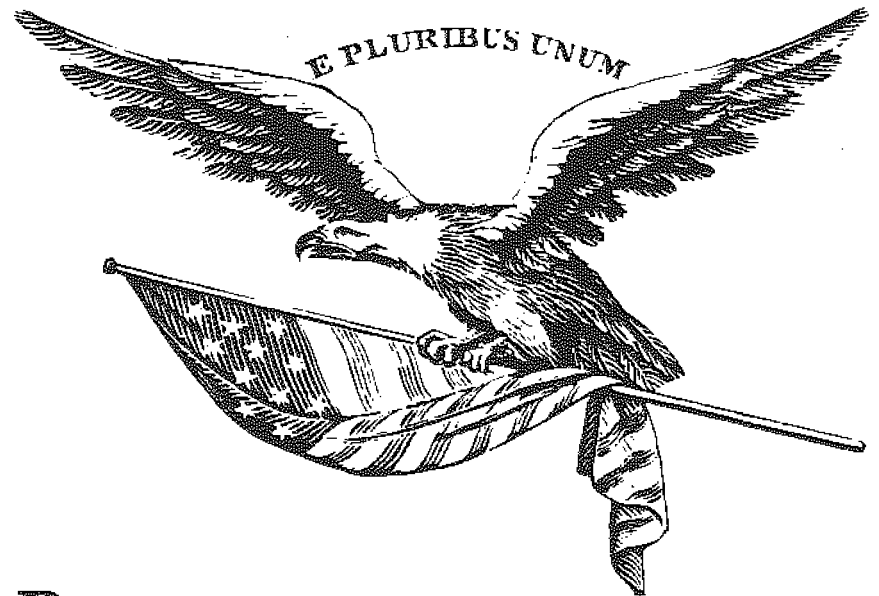
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**D**orothy Pierce, born Dorothy Adamov in Akron, Ohio in November of 1920, passed to the higher side of life May 25, 1991. Dorothy was a long time Spiritualist and a member of Chapel of the Sunflower in Phoenix, Arizona. She had a strong belief in Spiritual healing and it helped her with her illness — the doctors said she was remarkable. Many friends and loved ones from the spirit side were there to greet her and they will now enjoy her wonderful sense of humor. Blessings on you loyal Spiritual Friend. You will be missed in the physical but welcomed as you greet us from the Spiritual. She is survived by a son, Dale Pierce, a teacher and author.

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### COMMUNITY OUTREACH — METHUEN STYLE

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**P**resident Kenneth Wingood appointed trustees Mary Lou Lambert and Patricia Bertucci, Public Relations/-Fund Raising Specialists to be co-chairpersons for a medium's day-dinner-lecture. It was held on Saturday, April 27, 1991 at Church of Spiritualist Life of Methuen, MA.

At the suggestion of Robert Pierce, food coordinator, it was decided to do a theme event, with *God Bless America* as the theme of the day.

In keeping with the spirit of God and country, a search was begun to find returned local Methuen military personnel, who had served in the Gulf War. Cathy Mulligan, head of the Methuen Desert Storm Headquarters gave the names of Marine Lance Corporal Timothy Sheehy and Army Sergeant Dennis Moury as returned service men who were available.

Church members Dwight and Fran Broadstone's son,



## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Marine Corporal R. Burtram Broadstone, who returned just before the event, was also an invited guest, along with the other two service men. The Marines escorted their fiancées and Sergeant Moury escorted his wife.

Mary Lou Lambert was in charge of organizing the visiting mediums. Many came from the other churches to help out.

Christine Nagle assisted with publicity, contacting the media and distributing flyers and posters. She also approached merchants in town who donated items for a raffle.

A treasure table was set up and run by Louise Ladd and Paul Butzien, who were visiting the area from their new residence in Arizona.

Richard Fecteau, designed and made tickets for the dinner/lecture, and special tickets for guests.

Arlene Malvitch, dining room staff coordinator decorated the church hall in a patriotic bent. Red, white and blue was the color scheme of the dishes, table cloths, napkins and hanging decorations.



Robert Pierce and his staff, Arlene Malvitch, Christa Scott, Richard Fecteau, Rick Bertucci, Peter Bertucci, June Bertucci, and Jessica Bertucci prepared and served a baked ham dinner, with all the fixings and large old fashioned sunday desserts. A cheese/fruit table was set up for those who returned from Howard Johnsons, where the mediums day was held, to the church hall for the dinner and lecture.

Rev. Richard Fewkes, pastor of the Universalist Unitarian Church, Norwell, MA, who was lecturer of the evening, gave a blessing before the meal.

At the suggestion of John Baumhoff, the Spiritualist Manual's article on the flag and the loyalty pledge was read by Patricia Bertucci. "*God Bless America*" was sung (*souvenir copies were at each table setting*) by the group. Barney Silva of the Brockton Church accompanied the singing on his guitar, and Patricia Bertucci played the piano.

Red, white and blue corsages were given to the women guests and the service men were given certificates of appreciation from the church.

After dinner, Rev. Fewkes gave an informative lecture on Dream Analysis. He is a well-known and knowledgeable speaker and held his audience in rapt attention.

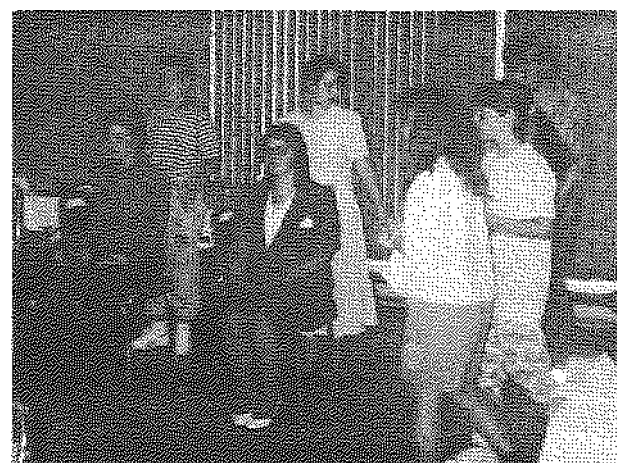
Christa Scott, trustee, took the left over food to the Salvation Army in Methuen.

The evening was a huge success in all areas, financially, socially and educationally.

The most rewarding aspect of the entire evening was when Sergeant Moury said that he felt honored to have been invited to the dinner. When he returned from Viet Nam he had been castigated and to have been invited to our event made it all feel worth while.

We as Spiritualists have often talked about going out into the community and becoming involved, but rarely ever do it. The tremendous response that we received was overwhelming, and engendered a feeling of warmth and satisfaction within all involved.

### LYCEUM SUNDAY IN MICHIGAN



Children working with healing, Sunday morning during the youth service.

**L**yceum Sunday at Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches . . .

An active Lyceum group conducted the Sunday morning "Youth Service" at the May, State of Michigan's 99th Annual Spiritualist Convention. The speakers were: Melissa Strause, Zackery Strause, Tracy Weichner, Dennis Whittie, Angel Whittie, Phylis Whittie and Will Allen. The healing mediums were: Dennis, Zak, Melisa and Will. There were 52 in attendance for the youth service. This was the last segment of the convention which closed after the Sunday service.

(1st row L-R) Barbara Whittie, Kayla Hyatt, Phylis Whittie.  
(2nd row L-R) Zackery Strause, Tracy Weichner, Angel Whittie.  
(3rd row L-R) Will Allen (my son), Melisa Strause and Will Allen is holding Katy Chippen. The State Lyceum Superintendent is hiding behind Barbara Whittie.



## 95TH CONVENTION IN PORTLAND, MAINE

by Nancy Parry



From left to right:  
Rev. Larry Clark,  
Rev. Arlene A.  
Sikora, Carl Rick-  
ards and Carol  
Rickards.

Portland, Maine — The Portland Spiritualist Church hosted the 95th Convention of the Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches held May 31-June 2 at the Ramada Inn.

The Convention was dedicated to the memory of Lyn-dell Heald, Marion Stevens, Arlene Roderick and Jim McFadden, and all other loved ones and our predecessors in this beautiful Religion.

The Rev. Larry Clark of Lily Dale, New York, was the guest speaker. Larry presented an insightful and humorous look at "Natural Law" on Friday evening.

Business meetings were held Saturday. Officers for the coming year include: Rev. Arlene A. Sikora, president; Carl Rickards, vice president; Eva Giro, 2nd vice president; Carol Rickards, secretary; and Bernard Langley, treasurer.

Directors are Agnes Haldane, Thomas Haldane, Florence Langley and Mary Mersinger. Trustees are Warren Nielsen, chairman; Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson and Nancy Parry.

It was announced that the 96th Convention will be hosted by the Augusta Spiritualist Church, June 5-7, 1992.

Saturday evening there was a delicious banquet, during which gifts of appreciation were presented to Tom Haldane and Florence Langley for their outstanding devotion and service to the M.S.S.A.C. Following the banquet, Harmony International, a group of female barbershop singers which included Agnes Haldane, sang several selections. We are particularly pleased because Agnes has made a remarkable recovery from an automobile accident she was involved in last year. Later in the evening, dance music was provided by Carl Henry & the Boys.

Several conferees took advantage of the hotel's pool and sauna during the weekend.

Warren and Sue Nielsen were outstanding hospitality persons. They made us feel very comfortable in the hospitality suite.

The Sunday morning service was to benefit the Mary B. Redlon Medium's Relief Fund. Carol Rickards did the healing lecture and the Rev. Larry Clark gave the lecture. Several mediums in attendance gave messages.

The afternoon Memorial Service included the healing lecture by the Rev. Arlene A. Sikora. Nancy Parry and Carol Rickards performed the Memorial Service which was very moving. The Rev. Larry Clark gave messages.

Before adjourning, floral centerpieces were presented to pianist Elizabeth Carter for her efforts, and to Florence Langley for her dedicated service.

## UNITED IN MARRIAGE

by Hazel Hardmeyer

On April 6, 1991, at the Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C., in Orlando, Florida, two spiritual souls were joined together in a Spiritual bond of love. Mr. Larry Ward and Ms. Patricia Beesley exchanged vows before a well attended congregation. The beautiful service was performed by Rev. Sharon L. Lynch, NST (Secretary of the N.S.A.C.).

Sunflowers cascaded beautifully from the candelabras bedecked with spring flowers. The bride wore a dusty rose silk dress as did her attendant and sister, Mrs. Jo Sparks of Troy, Michigan. Mr. Andrew Beesley, also from Troy, escorted his Mother, the bride, down the aisle. The Groom was attended by his brother, Dale Ward of Altamonte Springs, Florida. As the soloist, Shirley Hoeft, sang "All I Ask Of You" it was so touching that the bride wept.

There were a lot of out-of-town guests present, among them, President of the N.S.A.C., Rev. Joseph Merrill, Trustees Rev. Joseph Sax, NST and Rev. Paul F. Spencer, NST, and his lovely wife Peggy, National Superintendent of the Bureau of Lyceums, and editor of the *Spotlight*, and Peggy Lelond. Many were there from Michigan including The Honorable Gordon Sparks, State Representative of Michigan, Patricia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Si Semonian, her daughter-in-law, Kathy Beesley (who traveled two days on a bus with Katrina and Bradley Beesley - ages 5 and 3), and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hardmeyer and their two grandchildren, Rhonda and Brian Wilt (fourth generation Spiritualists). Bryan and Sharon Ward were among the welcomed guests from the groom's family.

A lovely buffet was served after the ceremony in the church hall. We all ask Spirit to Bless this marriage.



Patricia and Larry Ward.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> I accept each new opportunity as a blessing.	<b>2</b> All things are perfect with God.	<b>3</b> I create a life filled with joy.	<b>4</b> The foundation of my life is simple, ordered and fulfilling.	<b>5</b> I trust Spirit to guide me in each decision I make.	<b>6</b> I go within to receive my answers.	<b>7</b> I look at life with love and peace.
<b>8</b> I release the past with a blessing.	<b>9</b> I celebrate and give thanks for all my blessings.	<b>10</b> The rewards in my life are abundant.	<b>11</b> I give thanks that I know life is continuous.	<b>12</b> I am flexible and hear all sides.	<b>13</b> I easily express caring to others.	<b>14</b> I confidently move forward into all experiences.
<b>15</b> I have creative insights.	<b>16</b> My understanding grows daily.	<b>17</b> My thoughts are thoughts of success.	<b>18</b> My rhythm of life is harmonious.	<b>19</b> I am aware of the spiritual light of others.	<b>20</b> I accept and like myself just the way I am.	<b>21</b> All that I need is provided.
<b>22</b> I am youthful, vigorous and healthy.	<b>23</b> Change comes easily to me and I flow with life.	<b>24</b> Life supports me in all ways and I enjoy my life's work.	<b>25</b> All of my bridges are filled with light.	<b>26</b> New insights and awareness enter my thoughts.	<b>27</b> I accept complete responsibility for my life.	<b>28</b> I claim my power and use it for good.
<b>29</b> Loving friends and family surround me.	<b>30</b> Today I help another in some small way.					